

## Message Text

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TAGS: PDIP, PLOS, MOPS, DJ, YN, ET  
SUBJ: NORWEGIAN EXPLORER BURNSBOAT, PROTESTS BATTLES IN THE HORN

DEPARTMENT PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE  
REF: DJIBOUTI 478

1. NORWEGIAN EXPLORER AND SCIENTIST, THOR HEYERDAHL, AND HIS  
MULTINATIONAL CREW BURNED THEIR REED SHIP, THE "TIGRISS"  
IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT 1600Z ON 3 APRIL. ENTIRELY FILMED BY  
BBC TELEVISION, ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE EXPEDITION, THE  
BOAT WAS BURNED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND OF MOUSHA,  
ABOUT EIGHT MILES OUT OF THE TOWN OF DJIBOUTI. THE SHIP WAS  
ENTIRELY CONSUMED BY THE FIRE.

2. IN A MESSAGE TO U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM,  
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THOR HEYERDHAL AND HIS ENTIRE CREW STATED THAT THEY BURNED  
THEIR SHIP WITH SAILS UP AND RIG AND VESSEL IN PERFECT SHAPE  
TO PROTEST AGAINST THE INHUMAN ELEMENTS IN THE WORLD OF 1978  
TO WHICH WE HAVE COME BACK.... SURROUNDED BY MILITARY AIRPLANES AND  
WARSHIPS FROM THE WORLD'S MOST CIVILIZED AND DEVELOPED NATIONS WE  
ARE DENIED PERMISSION BY FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS FOR SECURITY REASONS

TO LAND ANYWHERE BUT IN THE TINY AND STILL NEUTRAL REPUBLIC OF  
DJIBOUTI, BECAUSE ELSEWHERE AROUND US BROTHERS AND NEIGHBORS ARE  
ENGAGED IN HOMOCIDES.

3. FULL TEST OF THE JOINT DECLARATION IS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

4. DECLARATION MAKES NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO ANY U.S. NAVAL  
ACTIVITIES IN THIS REGION.

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